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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

13 JOSHUA RICE.

Plaintiff,

VS.

17 CITY OF BELL GARDENS,  
18 OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS,  
19 CHRISTIAN ZARATE, and DOES 1  
THROUGH 10

### Defendants.

CASE NO: 6709-943- SJG (RCX)  
COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES OF

1. Unreasonable Search and Seizure-Detention and Arrest (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
2. Unreasonable Search and Seizure-Excessive Force and Denial of Medical Care (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
3. Conspiracy to Violate Civil Rights (42 U.S.C. § 1983)
4. Municipal Liability for Unconstitutional Custom, Practice, or Policy (42 U.S.C. § 1983)

## DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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## COMPLAINT

Comes now, Plaintiff, JOSHUA RICE, for his complaint against Defendants CITY OF BELL GARDENS, OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS, OFFICER CHRISTIAN ZARATE, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10, and alleges as follows:

## INTRODUCTION

1. This civil rights action seeks compensatory and punitive damages from Defendants for violating various rights under the United States Constitution and state law in connection with the July 15, 2008 encounter between defendants OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS, CHRISTIAN ZARATE, and JOSHUA RICE.

## PARTIES

2. At all relevant times, JOSHUA RICE ("RICE") was a resident of the CITY OF BELL GARDENS, California.

3. At all relevant times, Defendant CITY OF BELL GARDENS ("CITY") is and was a duly organized public entity, form unknown, existing under the laws of the State of California. At all relevant times, CITY was the employer of Defendants OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS, (hereinafter "ORNELAS"), OFFICER CHRISTIAN ZARATE, (hereinafter "ZARATE"), and DOES 1 through 5 ("DOE OFFICERS"), who were CITY Police Officers, and DOES 6 through 10 ("DOE SUPERVISORS"), who were managerial, supervisory, and policymaking employees of the CITY Police Department.

4. At all relevant times, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOE SUPERVISORS were duly authorized employees and agents of the CITY, who were acting under color of law within the course and scope of their respective duties as Police Officers and with the complete authority and ratification of their principal, Defendant CITY. Defendants ORNELAS and ZARATE are sued in their individual capacities only.

1 5. At all times relevant, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, DOE OFFICERS, and  
2 DOE SUPERVISORS were duly appointed officers and/or employees or agents of  
3 CITY, subject to oversight and supervision by CITY's elected and non-elected  
4 officials.

5 6. At all times mentioned herein, each and every defendant was the agent of each  
6 and every other defendant and had the legal duty to oversee and supervise the hiring,  
7 conduct and employment of each and every defendant herein.

8 7. The true names of defendants DOES 1 through 10, are unknown to Plaintiff,  
9 who therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek  
10 leave to amend this complaint to show the true names and capacities of these  
11 defendants when they have been ascertained. Each of the fictitious named defendants  
12 is responsible in some manner for the conduct and liabilities alleged herein.

13 8. In doing the acts and failing and omitting to act as hereinafter described,  
14 Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, DOE OFFICERS, and DOE SUPERVISORS were  
15 acting on the implied and actual permission and consent of CITY.

#### 16 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

17 9. This civil action is brought for the redress of alleged deprivations of  
18 constitutional rights as protected by 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, and the  
19 Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution. Jurisdiction  
20 is founded on 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343, and 1367.

21 10. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), because Plaintiff and  
22 Defendants reside in, and all incidents, events, and occurrences giving rise to this  
23 action occurred in, the CITY OF BELL GARDENS , California.

#### 24 **FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

25 11. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1  
26 through 10 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth  
27 herein.

12. On or about July 15, 2008, ORNELAS and ZARATE detained and arrested  
1 Plaintiff without reasonable suspicion, probable cause, or other legal justification.  
2 At some point, Plaintiff attempted to leave the area. ORNELAS used deadly force  
3 on the Plaintiff by shooting Plaintiff in back of his leg. After the shooting Plaintiff  
4 fell to the ground from the gunshot. While Plaintiff was on the floor and squirming  
5 in pain Defendant ZARATE came up to the Plaintiff and with violent force kicked  
6 Plaintiff in the head. Plaintiff was unarmed and never posed a threat to anyone.

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8 13. After the shooting both of the above named officers, defendants, fabricated a  
9 false account of the incident in their report in an attempt to justify their misconduct.

10 14. Defendants ORNELAS and ZARATE intentionally delayed providing Plaintiff  
11 with medical care.

12 15. This aforementioned shooting of the Plaintiff and the kick to Plaintiff's  
13 head caused Plaintiff to sustain substantial physical and emotional injuries.

14 16. During the entire encounter described above, Plaintiff RICE was not armed  
15 and, Plaintiff did not verbally threaten or otherwise attempt to punch, kick, or grab  
16 either Defendant ORNELAS or ZARATE.

17 17. Plaintiff RICE did not refuse medical aid at the scene. Plaintiff had obvious  
18 physical injuries including severe injuries to his femur and his head that were visible  
19 at the scene.

20 18. Defendants ORNELAS, and ZARATE did not immediately report the use of  
21 force or provide medical assistance for the Plaintiff as they were required to do.

22 19. Although having actual and constructive notice and knowledge of Plaintiff's  
23 serious injuries Plaintiff's need for immediate medical care defendants ORNELAS,  
24 ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 ignored Plaintiff's injuries and need for medical care.

25 20. Defendant ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1- 10, acted with deliberate  
26 indifference, and with the specific intent to cause Plaintiff harm by intentionally  
27 delaying Plaintiff's need for medical care.

1 21. As a direct result of Defendants' wrongful detention and arrest, shooting,  
2 excessive force, failure to provide Plaintiff with appropriate medical care, and  
3 cover-up, Plaintiff suffered severe pain and suffering, mental anguish, humiliation,  
4 and emotional distress.

5 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

6 **Unreasonable Search and Seizure-Detention and Arrest (42 U.S.C. §  
7 1983) (Against Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOE  
8 OFFICERS)**

9 22. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1  
10 through 21 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth  
11 herein.

12 23. Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE and DOES 1-10 detained and arrested  
13 Plaintiff in violation of his right to be secure in his person against unreasonable  
14 searches and seizures as guaranteed to the Plaintiff under the Fourth Amendment to  
15 the United States Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth  
16 Amendment.

17 24. The actions of Defendant ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 deprived  
18 Plaintiff of his right to be free from state actions that shock the conscience under the  
19 Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause.

20 25. As a result of the conduct of ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10, are liable  
21 for Plaintiff 's injuries, either because they were integral participants in the wrongful  
22 detention and arrest, or because they both failed to intervene to prevent these  
23 violations.

24 26. The conduct of Defendant ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 was willful,  
25 wanton, malicious and done with an evil motive and intent and a reckless disregard  
26 for the rights and safety of Plaintiff, and therefore warrants the imposition of

1 exemplary and punitive damages as to Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES  
2 1-10.

3 27. Accordingly, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 each are  
4 liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

5 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

6 **Unreasonable Search and Seizure-Excessive Force and Denial of Medical  
7 Care (42 U.S.C. § 1983) (Against Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and  
8 DOE OFFICERS)**

9 28. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1  
10 through 27 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth  
11 herein.

12 29. The unjustified shooting of Plaintiff by Defendant ORNELAS, the subsequent  
13 unjustified use of excessive force by defendant ZARATE, and the wrongful denial of  
14 medical care by defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10, deprived  
15 Plaintiff of his right to be secure in his person against unreasonable searches and  
16 seizures as guaranteed to Plaintiff under the Fourth Amendment to the United States  
17 Constitution and applied to state actors by the Fourteenth Amendment.

18 30. The actions of Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 deprived  
19 Plaintiff of his right to be free from state actions that shock the conscience under  
20 the Fourteenth Amendment's Due Process Clause.

21 31. As a result of the conduct of Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE and DOES 1-  
22 10, they are liable for Plaintiff's injuries, either because they were integral participants  
23 in the excessive force and denial of medical care, or because they failed to intervene  
24 to prevent these violations.

25 32. The conduct of Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 was willful,  
26 wanton, malicious and done with an evil motive and intent and a reckless disregard  
27 for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and therefore warrants the imposition of

1 exemplary and punitive damages as to Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES  
2 1-10.

3 33. Accordingly, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 each are  
4 liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

5 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

6 **Conspiracy to Violate Civil Rights (42 U.S.C. § 1983)**

7 **(Against Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10)**

8 34. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in paragraphs 1  
9 through 33 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully set forth  
10 herein.

11 35. During the course of this incident, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and  
12 DOES 1-10 conspired to and in fact did deprive Plaintiff of his right to be secure in  
13 his person against unreasonable searches and seizures, and of his right to be free from  
14 state actions that shock the conscience, as guaranteed by the Fourth and Fourteenth  
15 Amendments.

16 36. All rights of Plaintiff, as set forth, were violated by Defendants ORNELAS,  
17 ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 by their wrongful use of excessive force, denial of medical  
18 care, and cover-up, as more specifically set forth.

19 37. On information and belief, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10  
20 agreed and conspired, and shared the same conspiratorial objective with each other  
21 to use excessive force against Plaintiff, purposefully disregard his medical needs, and  
22 covered up their misdeeds in violation of Plaintiff's constitutional rights.

23 38. As a proximate result of Defendants' conspiracy to violate Plaintiff's  
24 constitutional rights, Plaintiff suffered severe pain and suffering, mental anguish,  
25 humiliation, and emotional distress.

26 39. The conduct of Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 was willful,  
27 wanton, malicious and done with an evil motive and intent and a reckless disregard

1 for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and therefore warrants the imposition of  
2 exemplary and punitive damages as to Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES  
3 1-10 only.

4 40. Accordingly, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-10 each are  
5 liable to Plaintiff for compensatory and punitive damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

6 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 **Municipal Liability for Unconstitutional Custom or Policy (42 U.S.C. §**  
8 **1983) (Against Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS)**

9 41. Plaintiff hereby repeats, re-states, and incorporates each and every allegation  
10 in paragraphs 1 through 40 of this Complaint with the same force and effect as if fully  
11 set forth herein.

12 42. On and for some time prior to July 15, 2008 (and continuing to the present  
13 date) Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS, deprived Plaintiff of the rights  
14 and liberties secured to him by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the  
15 United States Constitution, in that said defendants and their supervising and  
16 managerial employees, agents, and representatives, acting with gross negligence and  
17 with reckless and deliberate indifference to the rights and liberties of the public in  
18 general, of Plaintiff, and of persons in their class, situation and comparable position  
19 in particular, knowingly maintained, enforced and applied an official recognized  
20 CITY custom, policy, and practice of:

21 (a) Employing and retaining as Police Officers and other personnel,  
22 including Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-5, who Defendants CITY  
23 and DOE SUPERVISORS at all times material herein knew or reasonably should  
24 have known had dangerous propensities for abusing their authority and for  
25 mistreating citizens by failing to follow written CITY Police Department policies and  
26 for using excessive force;

1 (b) Of inadequately supervising, training, controlling, assigning, and  
2 disciplining CITY Police Officers , and other CITY personnel, including Defendants  
3 ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-5, who Defendants CITY and DOE  
4 SUPERVISORS each knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known  
5 had the aforementioned propensities and character traits;

6 (c) By maintaining grossly inadequate procedures for reporting, supervising,  
7 investigating, reviewing, disciplining and controlling the intentional misconduct by  
8 Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and DOES 1-5, who are CITY Police Officers;

9       (d) By having and maintaining an unconstitutional custom and practice of  
10 using excessive force, denying injured suspects immediate medical care, and covering  
11 up police misconduct. These customs and practices by CITY and DOE  
12 SUPERVISORS were condoned by said defendants in deliberate indifference to the  
13 safety and rights of its civilian, including Plaintiff.

14 43. By reason of the aforementioned policies and practices of Defendants CITY  
15 and DOE SUPERVISORS, Plaintiff has suffered severe pain and suffering, mental  
16 anguish, humiliation, and emotional distress.

17 44. Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS, together with various other  
18 officials, whether named or unnamed, had either actual or constructive knowledge of  
19 the deficient policies, practices and customs alleged in the paragraphs above. Despite  
20 having knowledge as stated above these defendants condoned, tolerated and through  
21 actions and inactions thereby ratified such policies. Said defendants also acted with  
22 deliberate indifference to the foreseeable effects and consequences of these policies  
23 with respect to the constitutional rights of Plaintiffs, and other individuals similarly  
24 situated.

25 45. By perpetrating, sanctioning, tolerating and ratifying the outrageous conduct  
26 and other wrongful acts, Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS acted with an  
27 intentional, reckless, and callous disregard for the well-being of Plaintiff and his

1 constitutional as well as human rights. Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS  
2 and each of their actions were willful, wanton, oppressive, malicious, fraudulent, and  
3 extremely offensive and unconscionable to any person of normal sensibilities.

4 46. Furthermore, the policies, practices, and customs implemented and maintained  
5 and still tolerated by Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS were affirmatively  
6 linked to and were a significantly influential force behind the Plaintiffs' injuries.

7 47. Accordingly, Defendants CITY and DOE SUPERVISORS each are liable to  
8 Plaintiffs for compensatory damages under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

9 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

10 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests entry of judgment in his favor and against  
11 Defendants CITY OF BELL GARDENS, Defendants ORNELAS, ZARATE, and  
12 DOES 1-10, inclusive, as follows:

13 1. For compensatory damages in the amount to be proven at trial;  
14 2. For punitive damages against the individual defendants in an amount to  
15 be proven at trial;  
16 3. For interest;  
17 4. For reasonable costs of this suit and attorneys' fees; and  
18 5. For such further other relief as the Court may deem just, proper, and  
19 appropriate.

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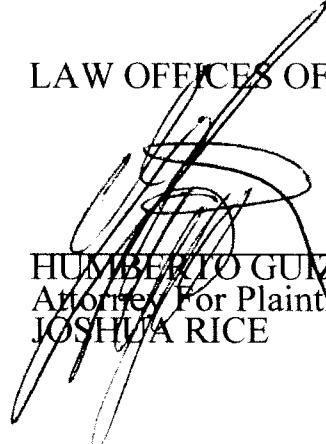
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HUMBERTO GUIZAR Esq.,  
Attorney For Plaintiff  
JOSHUA RICE

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Dated: December 22, 2009

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by:

  
DALE K. GALIPO Esq.,  
Attorney For Plaintiff  
JOSHUA RICE

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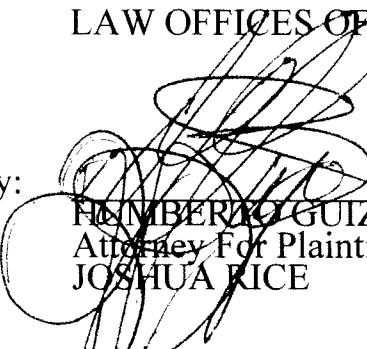
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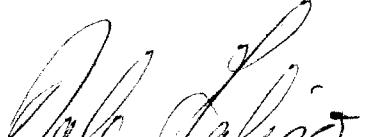
1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

2 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

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4 Dated: December 22, 2009 **LAW OFFICES OF HUMBERTO GUIZAR**

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9 Attorney For Plaintiff  
10 JOSHUA RICE

11 Dated: December 22, 2009 **LAW OFFICES OF DALE K. GALIPO**

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY**

This case has been assigned to District Judge S. James Otero and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Rosalyn M. Chapman.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

**CV09- 9432 SJO (RCx)**

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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**NOTICE TO COUNSEL**

*A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).*

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

**Western Division**  
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Southern Division**  
411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

**Eastern Division**  
3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSHUA RICE	CASE NUMBER
	6 09-943 SJO (RCW)
PLAINTIFF(S)	SUMMONS
v.	
CITY OF BELL GARDENS, OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS, CHRISTIAN ZARATE, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10	DEFENDANT(S)

TO: DEFENDANT(S): CITY OF BELL GARDENS, OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS, Identification  
Number 489, CHRISTIAN ZARATE, Identification Number 495, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached  complaint  amended complaint  counterclaim  cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Humberto Guizar, whose address is 3500 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

Dated: 23 DEC 2009

By: Star Bognar

Deputy Clerk

(Seal of the Court)

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3).]

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEETI (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself )  
JOSUHA RICE

## DEFENDANTS

CITY OF BELL GARDENS, OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS. Identification Number 495, CHRISTIAN ZARATE. Identification Number 495, and DOES 1 through 10

(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.)  
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Attorneys (If Known)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff       3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

2 U.S. Government Defendant       4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only  
(Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.)

Citizen of This State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

## IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

1 Original       2 Removed from State Court       3 Remanded from Appellate Court       4 Reinstated or Reopened       5 Transferred from another district (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

6 Multi-District Litigation       7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:  Yes       No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23:  Yes       No MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

## VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	TORTS	TORTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR
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<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 800 PROPERTY RIGHTS
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

**VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed?  No  Yes  
 If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII(b). RELATED CASES:** Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case?  No  Yes  
 If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:**

(Check all boxes that apply)

- A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
- B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
- D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

**IX. VENUE:** (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

(a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.  
 Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
JOSUHA RICE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY	

(b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.  
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County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
CITY OF BELL GARDENS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OFFICER GERARDO ORNELAS, CHRISTIAN ZARATE	

(c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.  
**Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.**

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	

\* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties

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**X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

<b>Nature of Suit Code</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Substantive Statement of Cause of Action</b>
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))